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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Marlene H. Dortch, Esquire  
Secretary  
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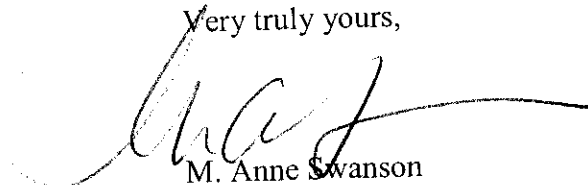
Re: **Notification of Ex Parte Communication**  
**MB Docket Nos. 02-277, 01-235, 96-197, 01-317, and 00-244**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to advise you, in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the FCC's rules, that on January 23, 2003, George Mahoney, General Counsel and Secretary of Media General, Inc., and I met with Stacy Robinson, media legal advisor for Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy, to discuss Media General, Inc.'s interest in repeal of the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule in all markets. The discussion addressed Media General's reasons for repeal of the rule; review of the "Forum on Media Ownership" held at Columbia University on January 16, 2002; possible upcoming public fora on media ownership; Media General's concern over any FCC attempt to craft a single rule to address ownership of various types of media outlets; and the public interest benefits, such as the delivery of more and better local news, that result from convergence of newspaper and broadcast properties.

As required by section 1.1206(b), two copies of this letter are being submitted for each of the above-referenced dockets.

Very truly yours,



M. Anne Swanson

cc: Stacy Robinson, Esquire